

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 12 and 15 through 36 are pending in this Application and have been allowed. By the present Amendment, the title has been changed consistent with the Examiner's suggestion and rejected claims 1, 13 and 14 cancelled. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

The Title.

The Examiner asserted that the title is not descriptive and required a new title. In response the title has been changed consistent with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 1 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Hiramatsu.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Kohno et al.

Each of the above rejections is traversed. Each of the above rejections has been rendered moot by canceling claims 1, 13 and 14. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 13, and of 14, under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is solicited.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 2 through 12 and 15 through 36. As claims 2 through 12 and 15 through 36 are the only remaining claims, this Application is in clear condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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